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TOPIC Transfer of Locomotive Column No 42

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1. Soviet Locomotive Column No 42 was transferred from Frankfurt/Oder (O 53/V 63) to Brest on 10 January 1950. This column runs the "Blue Soviet Express" operating between Berlin and Brest. The column was transferred from Karlshorst (N 53/Z 94) to Frankfurt/Oder about two months ago.
2. The last engines and the last personnel of Soviet Column 42 which operates the "blue express" were definitely transferred to Brest on 20 February 1950.

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Comment:

Contrary to the well-known locomotive columns of the Soviet zone operating with German personnel on Soviet orders, the column mentioned in this report is a purely Soviet affair. The personnel and the number of locomotives assigned to Soviet Locomotive Column No 42 are not known. It remains to be seen whether:

- a. This column will continue to function from Brest as its base, or whether:
- b. The Soviet "Blue Express" will be operated by a German locomotive column.

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